

**Dutch police certificates**

Available. The Dutch authorities will only honor request for police clearances made by the U.S. Consulate General in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. In turn the Consulate General in Amsterdam can only honor requests to obtain clearances, made by NVC. Documents obtained and presented by applicants directly are not acceptable.

How to have NVC request a Dutch police clearance

Provide NVC with the following information:

- Your full name(s), including aliases if any, and gender;
- Your date, city/town and country of birth;
- Your complete address and time of last residence in The Netherlands.

Then NVC must send an email with this information to the Consulate General in Amsterdam at ImmigrantVisasAMS@state.gov.

The Consulate General in Amsterdam may need up to 15 working days to obtain the certificate, provided there is no derogatory information concerning the applicant. If there is derogatory information it may take up to five weeks.

The certificate, which is in the Dutch language, covers criminal investigations only. Criminal records are expunged after a number of years, depending on the offense, following termination of the case (i.e., after service of any prison sentence) provided no other offense is committed in the interim. Police records may, therefore, not constitute a full summary of criminal records.

These certificates may and will be used only in processing immigrant visa applications and may not be given to the applicant or to any private individual. Nor NVC nor the Consulate General may inform applicants of the source of any derogatory information contained in the police certificate.

Applicants with a criminal history can and must obtain their own conviction record from the sentencing court, and provide a sworn translation into English.

For applicants applying for their visa in Amsterdam

The Consulate General will automatically obtain the Dutch police certificate upon receipt of the file from NVC. Make sure you provide NVC with all information required for a request, as specified above.